

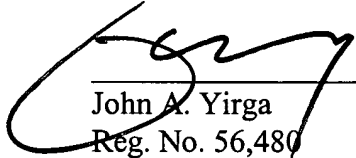
REMARKS

Consideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 3, 11 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0630 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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